

SOUTH CAROLINA WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING

Issue Workshop

Issue Workshop: Planning for the Future

Priority Issue Statement

There is a need for a quality comprehensive, coordinated information system that links agencies, organizations, and individuals to resources to support seniors and a plan to communicate those services to improve seniors' quality of life.

Barriers

1. Inadequate funding
2. Ineffective communication
3. Political ignorance
4. Standards of quality
5. Lack of coordination between existing programs
6. Redundancy
7. Weak organizations

Solutions

1. Create a national task force to educate the politicians on the need for adequate funding for a comprehensive high quality information system.
2. The Department of Health and Human Services should develop a partnership among federal agencies and the private sector to fund and implement a national information system network.
3. Implement a sustained multimedia educational initiative informing the public and the appropriate agencies about available services and resources and services for older adults.